

Called meeting of the City Council
Austin, Texas, June 7th 1905

Hon W.D. Shelley Mayor, presiding

Roll Called
Present Aldermen Armstrong Crocker Haynes
Miller Moore Petri Powell read minutes
Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 12
Absent Aldermen Ames & Mackon 2

The following Call of the Council was read
Austin, Texas, June 7th 1905

A special meeting of the City Council of the
city of Austin, Texas, is hereby called to meet in
the Council Chamber at City Hall at 6 o'clock P.M.
this 7th day of June 1905, for the purpose of hearing
and acting upon the report of the Police Committee
in the matter of charges against J.C. Hoover Dog
Catcher, and for the further purpose of conferring
with a Committee of the business League, with
reference to the condition of the water & light plant,
and the advisability of the Council rendering such
aid as will enable the Commission to place
the plant in successful operation

W.D. Shelley Mayor
L.M. Crocker Alderman & Board
J.D. Smith " 7th "
H.L. Haynes " 6th "
W.D. Miller

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the
above call for a special meeting of the City Council
by reading same to the following named Aldermen
Hovick H.D. Miller H. Eckel P.H. Powell Ames
L.M. Crocker E. Von Rosenberg Joe Mackon J.
Armstrong J. Sherman H.L. Haynes H. Petri J.
C. Wilhelm Tom Smith & Ed. Moore
H. Morris
City Marshal

Alderman Moore moved a call of the Council
which was seconded, and the Marshal directed to
bring in the absentees.

On motion of Alderman Powell the Council took
a recess for 10 minutes

At the end of the recess the Council was called
to order.

Alderman Powell for the Police Committee
presented the following report

Austin Texas, June 7th 1905
To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin

Gentlemen:

The Joint Police Committee to whom was referred the charge against Officer J. Houston, beg leave to report as follows.

The said man on 5th Inst, said officer was arrested and a charge filed against him for disturbing the peace by wilfully assaulting and striking his wife, and that his Honor the Mayor very promptly and properly suspended him from duty, pending investigation and action of your honorable body.

Your Committee in open session had before them several credible witnesses, neighbors of the accused, and all the evidence showed that the domestic relations of the accused were very unpleasant and that in this case there were mitigating circumstances in favor of the accused, the wife being the aggressor and refusing to appear before your Committee.

While the evidence does not show that he did wilfully assault or strike his wife, it does show, and he admits that on strong provocation he did strike or slap her in defending himself from attack, instead of unconditionally surrendering as a dutiful husband should have done.

Therefore we have to recommend that he be reprimanded by the Mayor for this act of insubordination, unbecoming an officer and husband, and that he be suspended from duty, for ten days from the 5th Inst, with the understanding that on the filing of another like Complaint he will be discharged.

Respectfully Submitted

J. Powell

H. H. Hayes

H. D. Willson

Police Committee of the City of Austin

The report of the Committee was adopted by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crocker Hayes Willson
Moore Cain Powell Redd Shumate Smith & Willson 11

Nays Alderman Von Rosenberg 1

Aldermen Cuneo & Macken entered the Council Chamber and answered to their Names.

The Council being full, on motion the roll was suspended. The Mayor stated that a Committee from the Business League were present to confer with the Council.

At Motion the Committee were invited to address the Council.

Then Gregory Cochran addressed the Council.

Alderman Moore moved that the Council adjourn which motion was lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Willson Moore & Shumate 5

Ways Aldermen Crooker Lunsford Haynes Miller Powell
 Redd Humate Von Rosenberg Wilhelm 9

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution
 That it be received by the City Council of the City of Austin
 That the City Treasurer of the City of Austin be and he is
 hereby instructed to place the funds now on deposit
 to the credit of the "City Hall Fund" to the credit of
 the General Revenue Fund of the City of Austin.

The resolution was read and a motion made to adopt
 same, which motion was lost by the following Vote
 Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Miller Powell Humate
 Von Rosenberg 6

Nays Aldermen Armstrong Lunsford Macken Moore Petri
 Redd Smith & Wilhelm 8

On motion the Council adjourned

Geo. Johnson
 City Clerk